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ECLECTIC LIST  
OF  
*New, Rare and Standard Varieties*  
OF  
**GLADIOLI**  
AS GROWN BY  
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LE MARECHAL FOCH

If there be virtue in new creations, I will try them. If found worthy, I will grow them.

*ask for prices of planting stock &  
trade discount*

## FOREWORD

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In this brief descriptive leaflet I have given, in as few words as practical, a description of such varieties as I have tested out during the past ten years and found worthy of a place in the best flower gardens.

It is impossible to set forth in print, all the beauties of a flower, so, as a rule, I have used the description given by the originator of each variety.

The Gladiolus is becoming more popular each year, and the great variety in combinations of colors, and the lasting quality of the cut flowers makes it, we think, the leading summer flower of the age, and we would consider no garden complete without at least a few Gladioli growing therein.

Having grown the varieties herein listed and observing their characteristics under different conditions, we know their good qualities and do not hesitate to recommend them.

The prices herein quoted are as low as is consistent with the quality of stock, are for blooming size bulbs, usually one and a half inches or more in size, and includes free transportation to all points in the United States, providing the order amounts to one dollar or more. Parties wanting large quantities or planting stock, should write for just what they want, as a liberal discount will be allowed on such orders.

All bulbs will be packed frost-proof and guaranteed true to name.

All orders filled in rotation, subject to previous sales, and no substitutions will be made unless so ordered by the purchaser. In case of inability from any cause to fill orders, the purchaser's money will be refunded.

Make all remittances by P. O. Order, Bank Draft or Registered Letter, with order.

No order booked for spring delivery without a deposit of at least 25% of price of order, the balance to be forwarded before goods are delivered. 5% of extra bulbs will be allowed for cash with order.

NOTE:—The letter R preceding the name of a variety indicates RUFFLED.

The letter P after the name indicates PRIMULINUS.

REFERENCE:—Lawrence Savings & Trust Co., New Castle, Pa.

## THE KUNDERED TYPE

**R ADORATION:** Very large, grand saffron or lincoln red; deeper in throat. A grand rare and beautiful self color. Each, \$1.00; Doz., \$10.00.

**ALLICE TIPLADY:** P. In color a beautiful orange saffron. Very heavy strong dark green foliage. Cormlets very numerous. Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50.

**R ALTON:** A wonderful new variety, heavily ruffled, and of the most delicate orange color, six to eight flowers out at once. Each, \$1.00; Doz., \$10.00.

**R AMERICAN INDIAN:** Rich velvety red, round flower, deeper red in throat, good size and tall, strong spike. Each, 35c; Doz., \$3.50.

**ARLON:** P. Very large petaled flower of light salmon color. Grand red throat with deeper central lines. Very conspicuous. Each, \$1.00; Doz., \$10.00.

**BLACK BIRD:** Tall, large-flowered Lemoinei type. Very dark, entire lower petals almost black. A fine dark variety. Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50.

**BYRON L. SMITH:** One of the very best. Most refined lavender pink on white ground. Exceedingly fine as a cut flower. Color equal to a very choice cattleya orchid. Each, 50c; Doz., \$5.00.

**R CRINKLES:** Deep peach-blossom pink. Intensely ruffled, many flowers open at a time. Is a beautiful bouquet of itself. Each, \$2.00.

**R FIRE RIBBON:** Tall with many flowers open at a time. The spike is a long fiery band of glowing red, exceedingly rich and showy. Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50.

**R GOLDEN GLORY:** A large, richly colored yellow with a beautiful red throat. Tall strong spike, many flowers open at once. Very rich. Each, 75c; Doz., \$7.50.

**R GOLD DROP:** P. An extra large, pure deep yellow with a beautiful red line on petals. Well ruffled. No finer Primulinus. Each, \$1.00; Doz., \$10.00.

**R KUNDERDII GLORY:** The first ruffled glad. produced. A beautiful creamy apricot with pinkish tint on outer edge of petals and has fine red feathered markings in the throat. No collection complete without it. Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.20.

**MARY PICKFORD:** An extraordinary flower and spike, of a delicate creamy white. Throat finest soft, sulphur yellow. Stem and calix also white. One of the best white gladioli. Each, 35c; Doz., \$3.50.

**MRS. DR. NORTON:** The finest cream and pink. Very delicate. The petals are creamy white overlaid or tinted soft pink. Flowers large with many open at a time. Has been awarded highest honors. Each, 50c; Doz., \$5.00.

**MAGENTA:** A beautiful large flower resembling in color the American Beauty Rose. Tall, strong spike. Each 35c; Doz., \$3.50.

**MYRA:** P. A new giant flowered Prim. Hybred. Deep salmon over yellow ground. Tall, slender stem. Yellow throat with pink lines. Grand. Each 35c; Doz., \$3.50.

**MYSTIC:** A deep shade of salmon pink, very pronounced in color. Tall, strong spike. Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50.

**MISS SPOKANE:** Tall, strong spike and strong grower. Large flower of orange salmon color, deeper in throat, six or seven open at a time. Each 75c; Doz., \$7.50.

**R PURPLE GLORY:** The Giant of the Glory class and of remarkable color. Deepest velvet maroon, with almost black blotches like burned into the petals. Heavily ruffled. A prize taker. Each, \$1.50; Doz., \$15.00.

**RED AMARILLAS:** Brilliant blood red flower of giant size on medium height plant. Blooms formed like an amarillis. The most showy red. Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50.

**R RED, WHITE & GOLD:** A giant in plant and foliage, with a massive spike and good sized flowers, several out at a time. Upper portion of bloom pure white. Lower petals of a rich lemon yellow to the edge with a beautiful pelargonium-like blotch of richest red. Each, 50c; Doz., \$5.00.

**R SULPHUR GLOW:** A beautiful shade of yellow. Many well expanded intensely ruffled flowers open at once. Strong, heavy spike and a good multiplier. Each, \$1.00; Doz., \$10.00.

**VILLA:** Very dark red, flaked almost black. Lower petals nearly black to edge, slight white median lines. Splendid. Each, 20c; Doz., \$2.00.

**R WHITE GLORY:** A gorgeous pure white of exact size and type as Kunderdii Glory, with beautiful iris throat. Fine as a delicate iris. Large, strong spike, often double. Each, 35c; Doz., \$3.50.

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## ORIGINATIONS OF RICHARD DIENER

**R ADELINA KENT:** Delicate light rose pink, straw colored throat with ruby dashes. Petals are heavily ruffled from edge in to center. Exquisite colorings, fine, long, full spikes. Flowers four to five inches in diameter. Spikes four feet high. One of the most beautiful ruffled gladioli in existence. A single spike is a bouquet. Each, 50c; Doz., \$5.00.

**ANNA EBERIUS.** Dark velvety purple, throat deeper shade, flowers four to five inches in diameter, spikes three to four feet high, strong and well set, its growth, coloring and propagating unexcelled. Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50.

**R ELIZABETH GERBERDING:** Shell pink, with speckled center of ruby and yellow. Spikes large and full, four feet high. Fine! Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00.

**R EMILIE ASH:** Creamy snow white, small cerise blotches in lower petals, which are heavily ruffled, flowers four to five inches in diameter. Spikes four to five feet. One of the finest ruffled glads. Each, \$1.00; Doz., \$10.00.

**FAIRFAX:** Solid magenta, lip of throat light yellow with a deep magenta spot, flowers five inches, spikes five feet. Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50.

**R MRS. H. E. BOTHIN:** Flesh salmon pink, flame scarlet center, heavily ruffled, strong spikes, four to five feet. A fine show and cut flower. Each, 50c; Doz., \$5.00.

**X MRS. MARY STERNS BURK:** Canary yellow overlaid with apricot, deep canary center, long spikes with flowers symmetrically placed, flowers four to five inches, spikes four to five feet, a good yellow. Each, 50c; Doz., \$5.00.

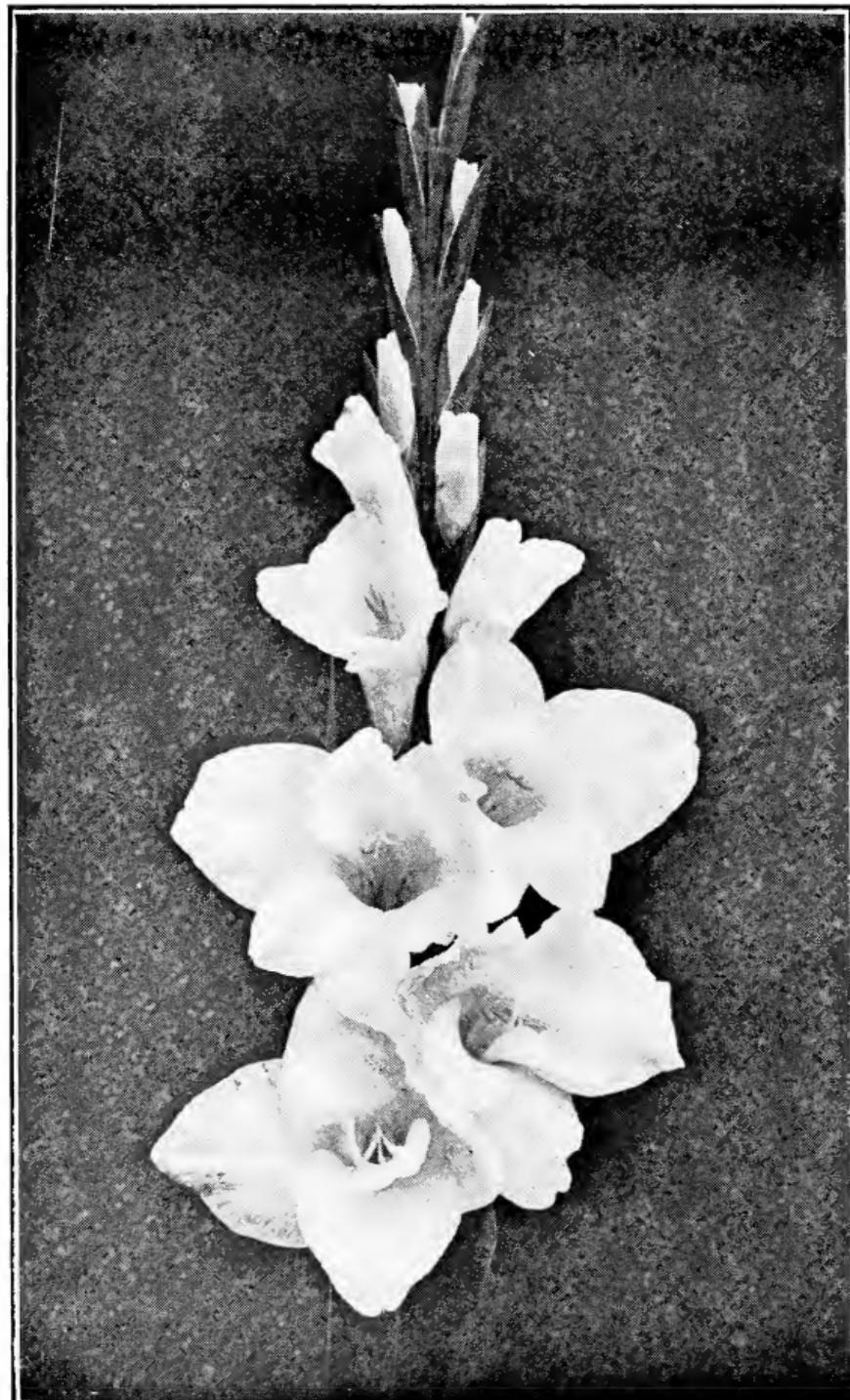
**X MRS. WM. KENT:** Light fawn to light ashes of roses, old rose in throat, sometimes lightly striped with rose pink. Its exquisite coloring makes it excellent for cut flowers, is a rapid propagator. Flowers five to six inches, spikes four to five feet. Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50.

**X THOMAS T. KENT:** Rose pink with ruby running through center of petals. Vigorous in growth, one of the largest varieties. Flowers 6 to 8 inches, spikes 6 to 8 feet. A favorite. Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50.

**X MRS. WILLARD RICHARDSON:** Deep crimson, maroon center, large flaring flowers five inches in diameter, spikes five feet. A fine red. Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50.

## ORIGINATIONS OF J. A. KEMP

**ALBANIA:** Wide, open flower, four to five inches in diameter, petals broad with well-rounded tips and neatly crimped edges. The background of the purest glistening white with faint light pink mottling only noticeable on close observation. Flowers well placed on the spike and four or five open at a time; 14 to 16 flowers to a spike which attains a height of 4 to 5 feet; a bountiful producer of strong bulblets. **Each, 60c; Doz., \$6.00.**

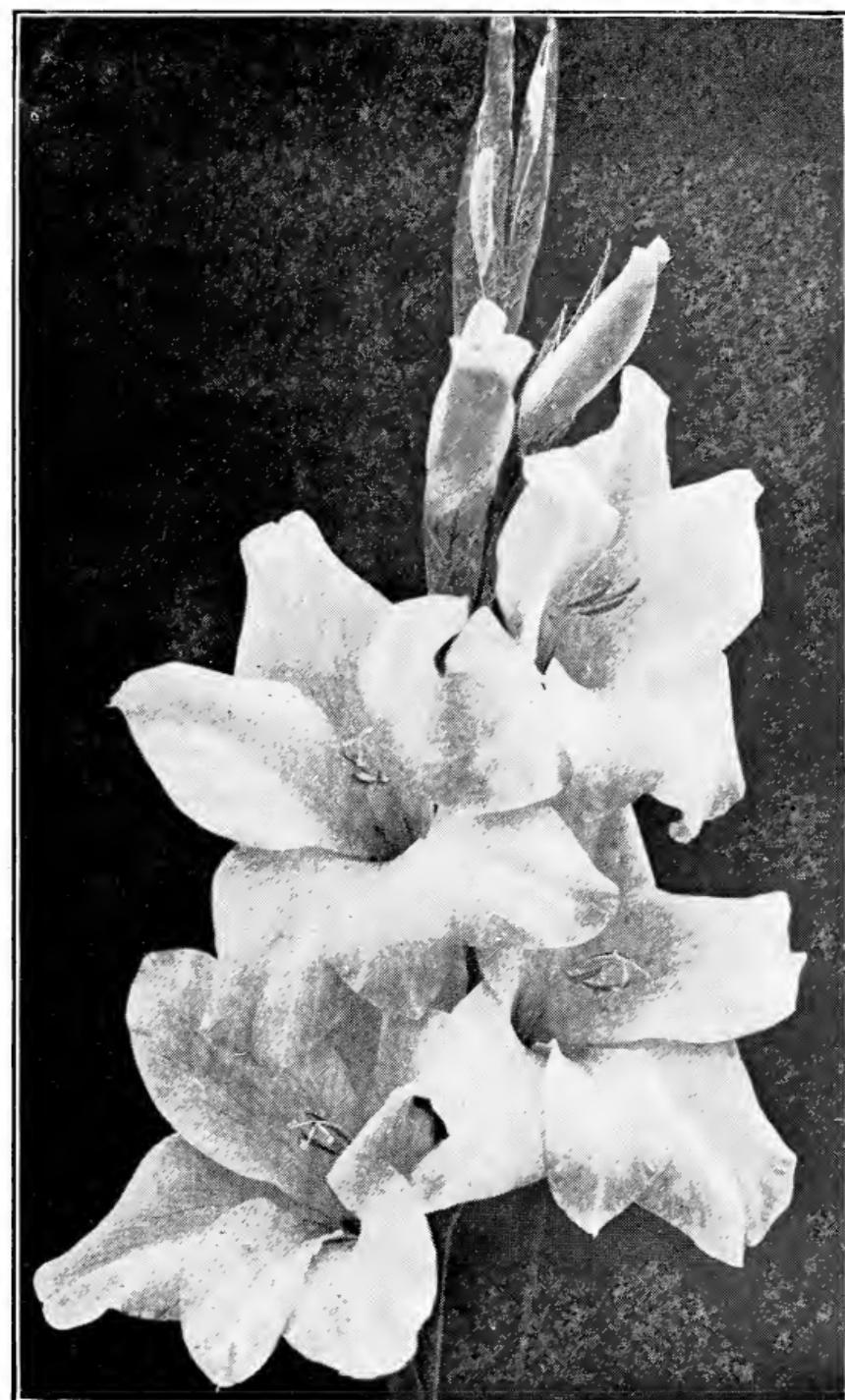


**ALBANIA**

**AVIATRIX:** A large fine flower, a delicate shade of straw yellow, much darker and brighter in the throat and dashes of the same hue at the ends of the three under petals. Five flowers open at once on a tall spike. In some flowers on a given spike the dashes of rose are more pronounced than in others, giving the effect of rose color overlying pale straw color, a very interesting combination of soft hues. **Each 60c; Doz., \$6.00.**

**BETTY DARNEll:** A seedling of Buttercup crossed with Pink Wonder and has all the good qualities of both parents. In color a very light canary, shading to deeper yellow in the throat; flowers wide open  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 inches, four and five open at a time, well placed on a medium tall graceful spike; a strong, healthy grower and bountiful producer of good strong bulblets. **Each, 50c; Doz., \$5.00.**

**BUTTERCUP: P.** A prize winner at N. Y. and Boston shows. The richest colored prim. hybred to date. The deep buttercup yellow color of this flower is rendered more beautiful by a narrow red stripe in the center of the lower petals. The flower is of medium size, of good texture and a good keeper when cut, very effective for garden as well as house decorations, fine for forcing under glass and a producer of strong bulblets that will grow. **Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00.**



**PINK WONDER**

**EARLY SNOWFLAKE:** A tall growing variety attaining a height of five feet or more, and often producing 23 large lily-like flowers to the spike, many of which measure six inches. The color a rich creamy white, delicately tinted and flaked rose with a tinge of yellow in the throat blended with delicate rose feathering on rear half of lower petals. Very showy, resembling a large lily rather than a gladiolus. A splendid forcing variety. **Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50.**



**PINK WONDER:** Tall and sturdy growth, maturing many strong growing bulblets. In color the flowers are a light pink with yellow shading at base of lower petals overlaid with rose feathering, a very delicate color combination; many flowers open at a time measuring 6 to 6½ inches, 17 to 19 to the spike. Each, 90c; Doz., \$9.00.

**SWEETHEART: P.** This is an exceptionally beautiful prim. hybred well adapted to any decorative use. In color a light cream, with golden yellow shading on the lower petals overlaid with faint rose feathering well down in the throat. Flowers 4 inches, wide open, and well placed on the spike. A strong, healthy grower and good propogator. Each 60c; ½ Doz., \$3.00.

**WHITE WONDER:** A beautiful large white flower, five to six open at a time measuring nearly six inches in diameter; a strong grower and good propogator of strong growing bulblets. A stock of this beautiful variety is sure to meet ready sale. Each, 90c; Doz., \$9.00.

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## GENERAL LIST

**AMERICA:** A beautiful soft shell pink with a lavender tinge. Flowers of good size, many open at a time; well set on spike, making it very popular for decorative work. Spike strong, three to four feet high and a great producer of strong bulblets. Each, 5c; Doz., 50c.

**BARON HULOT:** This is probably the most popular of the blue gladioli. The flowers are of fair size and have distinct shades of royal violet blue; long, straight spikes; many flowers open at a time and should be seen in a bouquet of white or yellow gladioli to be appreciated. Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00.

**CHICAGO WHITE:** A good early white with carmine penciling in throat; tall, stiff spike; fine for commercial work. Each, 5c; Doz., 50c.

**EUROPA:** This is probably the best low-priced white commer-cial glad. Tall, straight spike with flowers well set; many open at a time and a good multiplier; pure white with neatly rounded petals. Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00.

**FLORA:** A beautiful golden yellow, a shade lighter than Golden Measure, but superior to it in the production of strong growing bulblets. Large, open flower, many open at a time; fine for decoration. Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50.

**GLARE:** A small growing spike with wine colored flowers of medium size; very delicate coloring; must be seen to be ap-preciated. Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00.

**HALLEY:** A fine, large flowered early variety; the parent of a great many varieties. Bright salmon pink with light creamy blotch. Each, 5c; Doz., 50c.

**LE MARECHAL FOCH:** Beautiful shade of shell pink. Flow-ers very large; many wide open at a time; strong spike; early, good propogator. Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00.

**LOUISE:** Very large, well-opened flower, measuring 5 to 6 inches; color fine bright blue lavender with wine colored blotch; a strong rank grower and keeps well when cut; good propogator. Each, 25c; Doz., \$2.50.

**MRS. FRANCIS KING:** Light scarlet of pleasing shade; large wide-open flowers on tall straight spike. Another parent of many fine ones. Each, 5c; Doz., 50c.

**MR. MARK:** Light blue passing to a deeper blue, with a dark blotch on lower petals. A new variety of sturdy growth. Each, 15c; Doz., \$1.50.

**MEPHISTOPHELES:** This is a rare flower of striking beauty; its coloring being of a brilliant red with a blotch of brilliant yellow makes it very attractive to all visitors. Spikes of medium size; several flowers open at a time; keeps well when cut and a good propagator. **Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00.**

**NIAGARA:** Flowers wide open, large, often measuring five inches across; in color a beautiful shade of cream blending to canary on lower petals, the throat being slightly striped with carmine which sometimes extends well upon petals. Purple stamens and the stigmas slightly stained with carmine which enhances the color effect of the entire flower. No collection is complete without this variety. **Each, 10c; Doz., \$1.00.**

**PANAMA:** A rich pink, similar to America, but darker; of sturdy growth. Flowers well placed on spike and many out at a time. This variety is considered by many growers the best pink. **Each, 8c; Doz., 75c.**

**PRINCEPS:** Rich, dazzling scarlet, with white blotch on lower petals; very striking color effect; large, wide-open flower blooming late in the season; strong growth, producing many bulblets. **Each, 8c; Doz., 75c.**

**HYBRIDS AND MIXTURES:** Each year I grow a great many seedlings from seed obtained by crossing different varieties, with the hope that some day I may be able to produce something worthy of a name. I expect to plant six or eight thousand of these seedlings the coming season and watch with pleasure the variety of blooms as they break forth. Some of these resemble the parent flower, while others are entirely different. Those that have bloomed one or two years that I do not consider superior to named varieties already on the market, together with the "pick-ups" (which are mixtures of different varieties), will make a fine showing in any garden. **Each, 5c; Doz., 50c.**

**WHY NOT** give the children a few of these mixed flowers and instill in their young hearts a love for the refined and beautiful? I'm sure the grown-ups will watch the opening buds with as much interest as the children.

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## CULTURE AND CARE OF THE GLADIOLI

The gladiolus will do well in any good garden soil. However, like other plants, the better the soil and culture, the better will be the result.

To get the best results, the ground should be well enriched with well-rotted manure, in the fall, previous to spring planting. The ground plowed or spaded deep and thoroughly pulverized. If for horse cultivation, the rows should be 30 to 36 inches apart, if for hand cultivation, 18 to 24 inches. The bulbs should be set right side up, 4 to 8 inches apart. If large flowers and bulbs are desired, the latter distance is preferable. If in heavy soil they should be covered not to exceed 4 inches; in light or sandy soil they may be covered an inch or two deeper. The deeper they are set the better they will stand when the heavy blooms incline them to topple over, but they will produce less bulblets when set deep than in shallow setting. Don't plant in the shade or where roots from trees will sap the ground.

Thorough cultivation of the Gladiolus, as well as other plants, is very important to good success. Never let a crust form on the ground near the plants or between the rows. Keep the surface mellow. As soon after a rain or watering, as the ground will do to work, stir it up so as to leave a dust mulch on the surface, this prevents the moisture from evaporating and keeps it in the soil where it is needed. Never stir the soil when it is wet enough to pack. Do not let the plants get too thirsty, plenty of water, especially when the blooming spikes begin to shoot up,

is very beneficial. Don't water the flowers during hot sunshine, it will spoil them. Water at evening when the sun is low. Don't plant on the same ground year after year. If possible use new ground, or at least on the same ground every third year.

For a succession of blooms, make the first planting as soon as the ground will do to work in the spring and every two weeks thereafter until the middle or latter part of June. When blooming spikes begin to shoot, do not cultivate more than two inches deep; at this time the plants will respond well to a watering with liquid manure. Finely ground bone dust or potato fertilizer, well worked into the soil, are advantageous.

**CUTTING THE SPIKES:** Cut the spikes when the first flower opens, leaving four or five leaves to develop the bulbs; place them in a vase of fresh water, which should be changed every morning; cut off, **on a slope**, a half inch or so from the lower end of the spike, remove the wilted flowers, and each bud will open in its turn. If placed in a cool place at night they will be refreshed and improved. Gladioli thus treated will keep for ten days or two weeks.

**DIGGING AND STORING:** We usually dig our bulbs after a couple frosts or when the tops seem to be ripening. They can be loosened up with a spading fork and lifted out. We think it better to let them lay a few days with the tops on, which helps to absorb the moisture from the bulbs, after which the tops should be cut off close to the bulb and the bulbs left in the sun and air to dry for a couple weeks or more, when they can be cleaned off, the old bulbs removed and stored in a dry, cool place where the temperature is as near 40 degrees as possible. They should not be more than four to five inches deep in the containers which should be so constructed as to admit of a free circulation of air.

**INSECTS AND DISEASE:** As yet there seems to be no special insect pests in this country for the Gladiolus. A disease similar to potato scab, sometimes appears on the bulbs, but is so slight that it has given little concern; but in case this should show up we would advise the immersion of the bulbs, just before planting, in a bath composed of  $\frac{1}{4}$  ounce 40% formaldehyde to one gallon of water, letting them remain in the bath one-half to one hour. The treatment will be more effective if the skins are removed before they are placed in the bath.

## Cut Flowers Furnished During Blooming Season





WHITE WONDER

We plant the corm and till the ground,  
The god of Nature ever 'round  
Will paint the beauty in the bloom  
With which we decorate our home.

Yours for a brighter and better world,

*C. C. Thayer*

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